

**PRESS RELEASE - IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

**Patricia A. Allen, D.O.**, a 59 year-old pathologist who formerly practiced in Creston, Iowa, and currently practices in Altus, Oklahoma, had a Final Order issued by the Board. On December 26, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Allen with engaging in professional incompetency in the practice of medicine in Iowa. A hearing was held before the Board on March 27, 2007, and an appeal hearing was held on September 13, 2007. On October 15, 2007, the Board issued a Final Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Allen engaged in professional incompetency in the practice of medicine in Iowa and she is restricted from practicing medicine under her Iowa medical license until she submits and obtains approval of a formal education plan with an educational preceptor. Upon approval of a education plan, Dr. Allen will be placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions.